

# HANCOCK COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY

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# Agenda Monthly Board Meeting September 14, 2017

<u>Call to Order</u> – it was established that a quorum was present and Director DeSalvo called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

### **Attendees**

**Board Members:** 

Mr. Scotty Adam

Mrs. Patricia Cuevas

Mr. Shane LaFontaine

Mr. James Lamy

Mr. Farron Hoda

Mr. Josh DeSalvo

#### Other

Mr. David C. Pitalo – Executive Director Attorney Heather Smith

Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer - lead by Director LaFontaine

#### Request to Address the Board

Mr. Kirt Arcana gave detailed information on his experience with generator maintenance and service. Mr. Arcana offered his maintenance services to the HCUA and other entities as needed, business cards were handed out to those interested.

#### **Board Action Items**

Motion was made by Director Adam to approve the Minutes from the August 3, 2017 Monthly Board Meeting as presented as Exhibit A - Director LaFontaine seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea:

Directors Cuevas, LaFontaine, Lamy, Adam, Hoda, DeSalvo

Voting Nay:

None

Abstaining:

None

Absent:

None

Motion was made by Director LaFontaine to approve the Minutes from the August 15, 2017 Workshop as presented as Exhibit B - Director Cuevas seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by unanimous vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea:

Directors Cuevas, LaFontaine, Lamy, Adam, Hoda, DeSalvo

Voting Nay: Abstaining: None None

Absent:

None

Motion was made by Director LaFontaine to approve the August 2017 Docket as presented as EXHIBIT C - Director Lamy seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by majority vote with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea:

Directors Cuevas, LaFontaine, Lamy, Hoda, DeSalvo

Voting Nay:

None

Abstaining:

Director Adam

Absent:

None

O & M Wastewater

Expenses \$ 111,338.80

Monthly Budget \$144,554.70

Revenues \$ 145,101.35

Difference \$ 33,762,55

\$ 16,948.82

\$ 16,880.53

O & M Water

\$ 19,956.74

\$ 3,007.92

# **Executive Director**

Executive Director Pitalo updated the Board on his meeting with MDEQ and MDOH on the Discontinuation of Community Water Fluoridation. - Information Only No Action Required

Executive Director Pitalo recommends a review and possible revision of all Water and Wastewater contracts by Board Attorney Smith. This would allow all entities to have the same contracts with the same verbiage. - Information Only No Action Required

Flood quotes for the NRWWTP total \$6,296.00, the Board discussed the policy and suggested waiting for 2018 as we are nearing the end of hurricane season. - Information Only No Action Required

Update on MDOT - Executive Director Pitalo and Engineer Bill Mitchell met with Ground Penetrating Radar System, Inc to locate HCUA lines affected by MDOT project, testing proved to be not as accurate as preferred. Executive Director Pitalo has contacted the contractor who worked on the original project to obtain more detailed information. - Information Only No Action Required

Board Attorney Smith will review the Lazy Magnolia Brewery Contract and will update the Board If any changes are necessary at the October Board meeting. - Information Only No Action Required

Wastewater Report - Information Only No Action Required

Water Report - Information Only No Action Required

<sup>\*</sup>Director Scotty Adam abstaining from approval of all Dockets as a relative is employed by the HCUA.

2017-2018 Proposed Water and Wastewater Budget - The Board discussed at length the Water and Wastewater Budget, a motion was made by Director LaFontaine to approve the 2017-2018 Wastewater Budget for \$2,446,870.51 Director Cuevas seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by majority vote with five voting yea and one nay with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea:

Directors Cuevas, LaFontaine, Adam, Hoda

Voting Nay:

Director Lamy

Abstaining: Absent:

None None

HCUA Employee pay increase was discussed it was voted on and the result of the vote was a tie of three yea and three nay with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea:

Directors LaFontaine, Hoda, DeSalvo

Voting Nay:

Directors Cuevas, Lamy, Adam

Abstaining: Absent:

None

None

Due to a tie vote this motion does not pass.

A motion was made by Director Adam to approve the 2017–2018 Water Budget for \$222,091.30 Director LaFontaine seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by majority vote with four voting yea and two nay with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea:

Directors LaFontaine, Adam, Hoda, DeSalvo

Voting Nay:

Director Lamy, Cuevas

Abstaining:

None

Absent: None

A motion was made by Director LaFontaine to increase water rates to 0.90 Director Adam seconded the motion: it was voted on and carried by majority vote with four yea and two nay with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea:

Directors LaFontaine, Hoda, DeSalvo, Adam

Voting Nay:

Directors Cuevas, Lamy

Abstaining: Absent:

None None

A motion was made by Director LaFontaine to bill KUFD, PWSD and HCWSD for the operation and maintenance cost of that entitles lift stations and force mains. Director DeSalvo seconded the motion; it was voted on and the result of the vote was a tie of three yea and three nay with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea: Directors LaFontaine, Hoda, DeSalvo

Voting Nav:

Directors Cuevas, Lamy, Adam

Abstaining:

None

Absent:

None

Due to a tie vote this motion does not pass.

# **Board Attorney**

Discussion on the Open Meeting Act - Board Attorney Smith updated the Board on legislative changes made in regards to the Open Meeting Act, as of July 1, 2017.

# New Business - None

# Old Business - None

<u>Update on Port Bienville</u> - Director Hoda informed the Board that the HCWSD has met with members of the Port and Harbor Commission to review the project plans. HCWSD is researching the possibility of grant monies to help fund the project and as well as contacting officials in Jackson in search of funding.

Closed Session - None

Executive Session - None

Other Business - None

Adjourn - Motion was made by Director Adam to adjourn at 6:49 p.m., Director Cuevas seconded the motion; it was voted on and carried by unanimous vote, with the voting as follows:

Voting Yea:

Directors Adam, DeSalvo, Cuevas, Lamy, Hoda

Voting Nay:

None

Abstaining:

None

Absent:

Director LaFontaine

Chairman/Vice Chairman

Executive Director

<sup>\*</sup> Director Lafontaine left meeting at 6:42 for a prior engagement